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THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
(FOUNDED 1858 · INCORPORATED 1865)
BROADWAY BETWEEN 155TH AND 156TH STS.
NEW YORK 32, N.Y.

July 11, 1950

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

I am writing to extend to you an invitation to become a Fellow of The American Numismatic Society. As an Associate Member you know that the Society has two classes of members: a) Associates who enjoy all the privileges of membership, except the right to vote and hold office; b) the Fellows who comprise the voting membership.

The future of our organization depends in great part on the maintenance of a body of Fellows with a serious interest in numismatics. In great measure the progress of the Society to its present position in the numismatic world has been due to interested and enthusiastic Fellows. The collections of our museum and library are recognized as being among the world's great. As a learned society we have been active in publication. Since 1921 we have published 117 volumes of Numismatic Notes and Monographs, 6 volumes of Numismatic Studies, 12 numbers of Numismatic Literature, 3 numbers of Museum Notes and a number of the Hispanic Numismatic series. This is a performance of which we are proud.

Our coin cabinets and library have had a remarkable increase in recent years due in part to many generous gifts and in part to purchases from funds given us for those purposes. A glance at the Treasurer's statement in our last Proceedings will indicate that our financial position is sound. The expansion of our staff begun at the end of the war has been completed. Here we are particularly well equipped.

Our associate membership has shown a healthy increase. Our need now is for an increase in the number of Fellows. We need their help in formulating new policies and in carrying out

policies that have been arrived at. You are one of thirty persons, now associate members, who, in our opinion, are seriously interested in the things that we are attempting to do. If our belief is correct, will you be good enough to let us know so that I may have the privilege of presenting your name for election as a Fellow at the next meeting of our Council in September.

Yours very truly,

Louis C. West

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President

LCW:AH

July 17, 1950

Mr. Louis C. West, President
American Numismatic Society
Broadway between 155th and 156th Streets
New York 32, New York

Dear Mr. West:

Thank you for your letter of July 11, 1950 asking me to become a "Fellow" in the Society. As far as a "serious interest in numismatics" is concerned, I can assure you that I am so afflicted. In fact my interest is more than serious -- it's critical, and I don't want to recover.

If the group wishes me for a "Fellow" I will do my best to participate further in the activities of the organization.

Sincerely yours,

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July 19, 1950

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
315 Washington Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

I am happy that you responded favorably to my suggestion that I place your name before the Society's Council in September for election as a Fellow. I very much appreciate the interest in our work which you have shown by your affirmative answer. It is on such support as yours that the Society's progress rests. We shall communicate with you again following the September meeting of the Council.

Yours very truly,

Louis C. West

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September 19, 1959

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:

As you know it is our custom to have someone give a lecture at our Spring and Fall meetings. It has been some time since the topic of one of our lectures has concerned the coins of our own country, a field of special interest to you. Would you be willing to be the speaker at the meeting scheduled for Saturday afternoon, November 14th?

Yours very truly,

Louis C. West

Louis C. West
President

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

September 22, 1959

Mr. Louis C. West, President
American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th Street
New York 32, New York

Dear Mr. West:

Your request for the writer to be a lecturer this fall at the Society is most appreciated and, as you know, I am most enthusiastic with respect to matters concerning numismatic education. I would like very much to cooperate with you and would be grateful for a little further information before making a commitment.

Is the date of November 14 the only available date or can that be changed?

How long would you like the lecture to run and what is the length of any other part of the program?

Is it customary to present slides and is an opaque projector available?

What is the amount of attendance and is it composed of groups from coin clubs, college students, or exclusively your membership?

My thought is that these factors would be important in the selection of a subject.

Unfortunately the distance I am from New York leaves me somewhat unfamiliar with the situation but with two-hour jet service I am sure that the distance would continue to melt.

Thank you for extending this privilege to me.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

By Eric P. Newman
President

EPN/atb

October 2, 1959

Mr. Louis West
American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th Street
New York 32, New York

Dear Mr.West:

The title to the lecture to be given on November 14, 1959 will be "Machin's Mills Coinage and Other New York Coppers".

Slides are desirable for such a talk and your helpfulness in having them made is most appreciated. Slides made from 35 mm. film are probably the most convenient and the capabilities of your photographic department makes it advantageous for them to be made in New York rather than St.Louis.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

By_____
President

EPN/atb

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

October 5, 1959

Mr. Louis West, President
American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th Street
New York 32, New York

Dear Mr.West:

In order to spread numismatic knowledge it has occurred to us that a microfilm of the index cards of the A.N.S. Library would be a very valuable item to researchers and students as it could be borrowed in whole or in part and sent throughout the country.

There is no existing index covering the articles in American publications, the only existing indices being of each particular set in itself if there is an index at all.

We recently noticed that one library in this area had certain indices on cards which other libraries did not have available. I took the cards to a bank which has an automatic check picturing machine and they microfilmed the index cards in almost no time. The cost of the film is nominal.

Would you discuss this matter with your staff and see whether you think this thought has merit.

Cordially yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

By
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October 30, 1959

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Numismatic Education Society
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis 5, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:

Thank you very much for your letter of October 5th, suggesting that the Library's index cards be placed on microfilm. There is, certainly, a store of information in our Library card catalogue which could be helpful to many more people than use or can use it. We would certainly be cooperative if we received a specific request for any portions of the catalogue, or for that matter, all of it to be placed on microfilm. To do the whole job in anticipation of such possible future requests does not seem completely wise for additions are constantly being made to the catalogue and there would be the problem of up-dating the microfilm to meet a request made, say, three years from now. We shall be glad to talk further with you about the matter when we see you on November 14th.

Yours very truly,

Louis C. West

Louis C. West
President

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